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# ILLINOIS MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATIONS

#### Who is affected?

All carriers, drivers or vehicles to which the current Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations apply and all intrastate carriers, drivers or vehicles with a GVWR of 10,001 pounds or more, operated for the transportation of property or persons in the furtherance of any commercial or industrial enterprise, for hire or not for hire.

### What are the Illinois Motor Carrier Safety Regulations?

Parts 390 through 393 and parts 395 and 396 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. These regulations also apply to intrastate carriers, drivers and vehicles with a GVWR of 10,001 pounds or more.

### What do these regulations require of the carrier?

Generally, they require carriers to be familiar with the regulations, employ qualified drivers, have safe, operable equipment on your vehicles and use it as prescribed, make mandatory certain parts and accessories, limit driver hours of service and set standards for inspection.

#### Levels of Inspection:

Commonly conducted inspections are the:

Level 1 — Full driver/vehicle inspection according to North American Standard;

Level 2 - The "walkaround" inspection;

Level 3 — Driver inspection only.

#### **VEHICLE INSPECTION**

In addition to roadside safety inspections, the Illinois State Police will provide, upon request, courtesy safety inspections at the carrier's place of business.

#### Q. How may carriers request a courtesy inspection?

A. Carriers may write or telephone the State Police Headquarters in the district in which the business is located and ask for a courtesy inspection.

#### Q. What will the trooper do during the inspection?

A. The trooper will inspect one or two vehicles with a company representative, pointing out the various items troopers in the field will be checking. Owners will then be able to ensure that all the vehicles in their fleet are in compliance with the Safety Regulations.

### Q. When a vehicle is inspected along the roadside and found to have a violation, what will happen?

A. Depending upon the severity of the violation:

- If the violation is of a serious nature (e.g., no brakes) the driver of the vehicle may be issued a traffic citation and the trooper will place an out-of-service sticker on the vehicle, in which case, the vehicle must be repaired before being operated.
- 2. If the violation is of a less serious nature (i.e., one taillight) the driver may be issued either a traffic citation or a written warning and advised to correct the violation as soon as possible, but no later than upon completion of the current trip.

## Q. When documented defects are corrected, does the carrier need to mail proof of the repair to the Illinois State Police?

A. Only if the vehicle was placed out of service for the defects and there are three or more out-of-service violations.

### Q. When a vehicle is inspected and no violations are found, what will the trooper do?

A. The trooper will provide the driver with a copy of a notice that the vehicle had been inspected and no violations had been observed, and affix a Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) decal to the vehicle, only if the vehicle passes a Level 1 inspection.

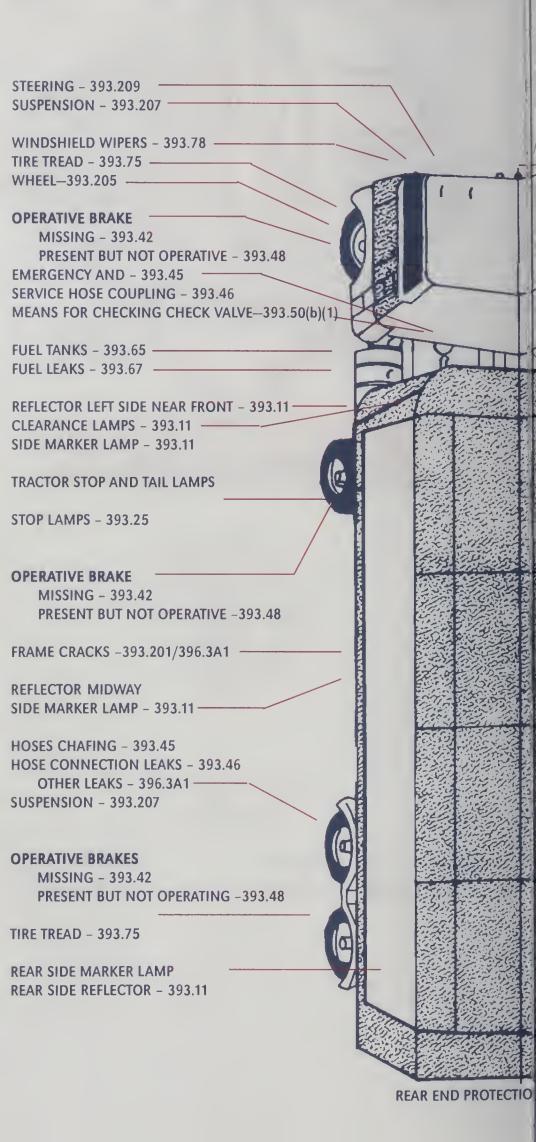
**NOTE:** Most mechanical defects found during roadside inspections could and should be discovered during pretrip or preventive maintenance inspections.

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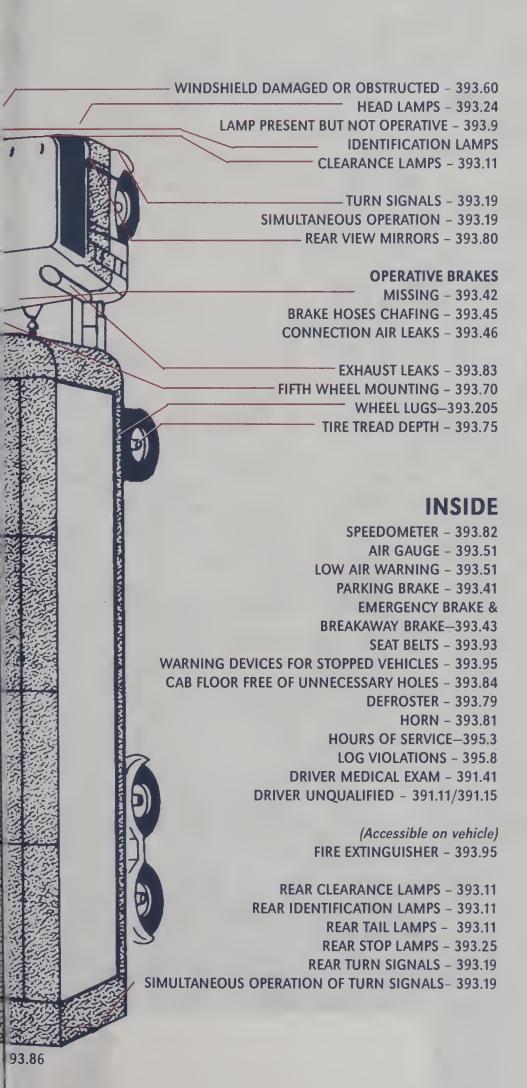




In conducting roadside inspections, troopers will for the safe operation of the motor carrier's vehicles



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